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SUBJECT: INDIAN MUSLIM RESENTMENT SMOLDERING OVER LEBANON AND GAZA

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Classified By: Charge Geoff Pyatt for reasons 1.4 (B,D)

1. (C) Summary: Events in Lebanon and Gaza have attracted considerable attention in India, but are of particular concern to the country's 13
Following Middle East Events

2. (C) Our Muslim contacts confirm that India's Muslims are following events in Gaza and Lebanon with great interest, and that the Urdu press
What the Urdu Press is Saying

3. (U) A July 26 editorial in the Urdu daily ""Jadeed In-Dinon"" called for the ""Islamic world to stand united against Israel,"" and accused
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holy mosques and the ruler of the biggest (sic.) Islamic country, the statement comes as a resurgence of the slumbering Arab conscience." On
More Demonstrations Expected

4. (C) Muslim demonstrations in India center around the Friday prayers. July 28 was largely quiet. The big exception was at Old Delhi's Jam
Views of a Leading Maulvi

5. (C) Poloff met with Imam Bukhari on August 1 to sound him out about the Lebanon situation. He predicted that August 4 would be a quiet Fr
Support for Lebanon Not Hizbollah

6. (C) This does not mean, however, that Indian Muslims are not angry. Bukhari emphasized that there is universal support for Lebanon and ac
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organizations like Hizbollah and the Taliban, as they are ""always preaching war." Most Indian Muslims have concluded that ""there is somethi
But Tempers Could Blow

¶7. (C) Bukhari warned, however, that Muslim sentiments will become roused if the Lebanon situation goes on much longer, as ""oppression of ir
Barelvi Maulvi Less Complacent

¶8. (C) Qari Mian Mazari, a leading Maulvi politician from the moderate Barelvi school, was less complacent than Imam Bukhari. He maintained
¶9. (C) According to Mazari a loose group of "wahhabi" organizations including the Jamaat-Islami, and Jamaat-i-Ulema-i-Hind and the recently
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Muslim Cross-section Angry and Adamant

¶10. (C) On August 2, Poloff met with six Muslims, including a Deobandi Maulvi, a Secretary in All Indian Congress Committee, the leader of a

¶11. (C) The group were unhappy with the Urdu media, accusing Urdu newspapers of "exploiting the feelings of Muslims to encourage sales." T
Overlap With the Left

¶12. (C) Muslims are not the only group that has focused on events in Lebanon. India's Leftists have an historic animosity against Israel, rc

¶13. (C) Nayar maintained that this will have a huge impact on Indian Muslims, who will become energized against the US and the budding US/Inc
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demonstrate to India's minorities that the country was not cosying up to America." Nayar asserted that ""from Malaysia to Morocco, for Muslim
But No Intention to Rock the Boat

¶14. (C) In an August 2 meeting, veteran journalist Zafar Agha opined that while the Left has traditionally staked out a pro-Palestine stance,

¶15. (C) Agha also maintained that the Muslims will "lie low," as they are still reeling from the aftereffects of the Mumbai terrorist attack
Has an Impact on the GOI

¶16. (C) Imam Bukhari asserted to his congregation on July 28 that the GOI was rudderless when it came to events in Lebanon as it had grown to
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burgeoning India/Israel ties. The GOI's quiet, but growing technology and security relationship with Israel continues unabated.

Limited but Noticeable Impact on PA Programs

¶17. (C) The conflict in Lebanon has had a direct impact on some PA programs, while others have proceeded normally. PA speaker Akram Elias, a

¶18. (C) Separately, a media outreach program with US speaker Dr. Wais, a scholar on the Urdu language, has proceeded normally in Moradabad (U
The Muslim Factor

¶19. (C) Congress came to power on the strength of its oft-proclaimed "secularism." It contrasted its attitude towards "minorities" (near

¶20. (C) Much will depend on the reaction of Indian Muslims to Middle East events. So far, while Muslims are smoldering, their deep resentment

¶21. (U) Visit New Delhi's Classified Website: (<http://www.state.sgov.gov/p/sa/newdelhi/>)

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